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THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

IT IS THE CHURCH'S WORK TO WIN the world to the allegiance of her Lord. To do this she must make the Gospel known everywhere. In His commission to the Church our Lord said "All nations" were to be evangelized — not only the people of Asia Minor or of Europe. The Church of the early days went to work to carry out the Mission entrusted to her. That is why America is a Christian nation.

But there are parts of our country where the Message must still be made known and where help must be given in establishing and maintaining the Church. For the sake of convenience the work of Church Extension in the United States is called Home Missions. The work in other lands is known as Foreign Missions.

THE WORK AT HOME INCLUDES:

1. Giving help to our fellow citizens in dioceses and missionary districts from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Canadian boundary to the Gulf, in order that they may share some of the blessings we receive through the ministrations of the Church and may be organized to work for the extension of the Church in their own neighborhoods and in other lands.

2. Establishing the Church in the Philippines, Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands. These lands are under the nation's flag, therefore they are part of our home field.

3. Extending to the dependent peoples of the land, especially the Indians and the Negroes, the Church privileges that help us.

4. Maintaining mission chapels, schools and hospitals in order that white men, red men and black men may be helped to live this present life as the sons of God.

The Church's home work is carried on in 22 missionary districts and 42 dioceses. The staff consists of 20 bishops and about 1,200 helpers, among them clergymen, laymen, teachers and nurses.

THE CHURCH HAS HER WORK ABROAD in Africa, Brazil, Cuba, China, Japan and Mexico. She also aids the independent Church in Haiti. Abroad, as at home, her work is to make known the Message of God's love, to gather people into congregations for Christian worship and work, and to maintain mission churches, schools and hospitals.

The staff abroad consists of 9 bishops and about 250 clergymen, doctors, teachers, deaconesses and nurses. More than 800 native helpers, of whom over 100 are ordained ministers, are assisting our representatives in making the Message known to their own people.

LAST YEAR THE OFFERINGS from all sources for the carrying on of the Church's Mission at home and abroad amounted to $991,598. But the Board of Missions had promised the bishops $1,040,084. So there was a deficit of $48,500.

The work is growing. New stations are being established constantly, both at home and abroad. The budget must keep pace with the work. This year at least $1,100,000 should be given if the Church is to maintain what she is already doing and undertake even a few of the things that are waiting to be done.

NOTES FROM THE WORLD FIELD

OUR MISSION HOSPITALS in China, Japan, Alaska and the Philippines, among the Indians and the Negroes, are one of the practical ways in which the Church tries to interpret the Message of God's love. Such hospitals always need help. Doubtless there are many at home who might follow the example of an English Churchman who recently sent a gift to the Church Missionary Society to be used for medical missions, as a thank offering for a year's freedom from illness. Many who have enjoyed the blessing of sound health might be glad to show their gratitude in some such practical form if the thought occured to them.

IN ORDER TO ESTIMATE PROPERLY the advance of Christian work and influence in a non-Christian land, one must be able to view the situation from the inside and to look over a period of years. The Rev. St. George Tucker, M. A., president of St. Paul's College, Tokyo, who has been in Japan eight years, says: "I believe that Christianity may be said to have taken root. The magazines and papers now write of it as one of the religions of Japan. I wish all our friends at home could have attended the *Sokwai* [the synod], and seen representatives from Hokkaido to Kyushu, both lay and clerical, discussing with dignity and intelligence questions of canon law and Church policy. Three of the laymen from our diocese—Mr. Kawaguchi, the well-known Aomori lawyer, Judge Yasuda, of Maebashi, and Dr. Suguira, of Tokyo—were among the leaders in the debates. Simply to be present and hear such questions discussed by Japanese Christians and to see the Church represented by such men was, in itself, an inspiration and a sufficient answer to doubters."

CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN THE WEST are surrounded by a bit of romance now and then. "At Coburn," says one of our representatives, "the prospective candidates for confirmation were found at the barn busily engaged in getting their potatoes ready for the planting. Time was precious for both missionary and candidates, so formalities were dispensed with, a hospital box was offered the preacher for a seat, the cutting of seedlings was resumed, and the instruction began. True, there were occasional interruptions, as when a seedling aimed for

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"THE PEOPLE THAT WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT"

THE EVANGELIZED AND UN-EVANGELIZED WORLD, A. D. 100

MAP I. A. D. 100

THE APOSTOLIC AGE. The Church founded at Jerusalem by our Lord and commissioned to make Him known to all nations. The light spreads from Judea into southern Europe.

THE EVANGELIZED AND UN-EVANGELIZED WORLD, A. D. 325

MAP II. A. D 325

THE PERIOD OF THE COUNCIL OF NICEA. The light has spread over the Mediterranean world and has reached a part of Britain.

THE EVANGELIZED AND UN-EVANGELIZED WORLD, A. D. 1095

MAP III. A. D. 1095

THE PERIOD OF THE CRUSADES. Northern Africa and part of Spain de-Christianized through the spread of Mohammedanism. The light has spread over Britain and Germany.

THE EVANGELIZED AND UN-EVANGELIZED WORLD, A. D. 1549

MAP IV. A. D. 1549

THE PERIOD OF THE REFORMATION. Turkey and Asia overrun by Mohammedanism. But the light has spread through northern Europe. Four of the five continents still in darkness.

THE EVANGELIZED AND UN-EVANGELIZED WORLD, A. D. 1908

MAP V. A. D. 1908

THE PRESENT DAY. The Christian Church dominant through the greater part of the world with rapidly growing missionary centres in China, Japan, India, Africa and South America. All things ready for a great advance in this generation.

Since the Light has come to you through the work of others, are you helping to spread It abroad?

the box hit the speaker instead, or when the box filled to the brim must be emptied into the waiting sack. Instructed and instructor all assisted in the operation. But on the whole this final preparation was satisfactory, and during the following week the two candidates were presented to the bishop for confirmation."

INTO MANY OF THE AMERICAN COMMONWEALTHS large numbers of Europeans are pouring. Bishop Osborne says of the Diocese of Springfield: "Hundreds of thousands of Germans fill our mines and shops. Multitudes of Russians are pouring in, and Lithuanians with them. Armenians are many."

HERE AND THERE THROUGHOUT CHINA are striking instances of the effects of Christian teaching. The *North China Herald*, a commercial paper published in Shanghai, tells in a recent issue of a village of about 1,000 people in the Province of Hunan. "There is a well organized congregation with a chapel built by the members themselves. The two Buddhist temples are in disrepair and the idols are falling to pieces. There are no worshippers in the temples and no one to keep them looking decently. Christian forces are displacing heathen superstition, and the members of the congregation, pointing with pride to the decaying idols, prophesy that in a short time their village will have neither idols nor idol worshippers."

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